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MEMORANDUM FOR: FP/C/USG

SUBJECT : Items of CIA concern in SEATO Military Adviser Reports

REFERENCES : a. Report by the Military Advisers to the Council of SEACDT of their Meeting held in Melbourne - January 1956.

b. Report of the Second Military Staff Planners Conference Pearl Harbor T.H. November 1955 (TH-95)

1. References a reached this office 27 March 1956. Reference b became available after we asked for it on 29 March 1956. The Planners met in November 1955. These documents contain information of importance

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2. Steps are being taken to improve the distribution situation.

3. The matters of importance covered in these documents are as follows:

a. Counter subversion - The Military Advisers advised the council representatives to make the services of the Committee available to those countries requesting them and where subversion directly affects military planning. They also recommended that the Council consider how best to meet the need for coordinating the whole field of cold war and counter subversion.

The Military Staff Planners had previously proposed these points to the Advisers and covered certain other points of interest to us.

b. Psychological Warfare - The Planners recommended that the Advisers invite the attention of the Council to the need for coordination between civilian and military aspects to ensure continuity of planning and effort. They made clear that their interest was in war time (military) psychological warfare.

The Advisers merely informed the Council of the nature of the psychological warfare with which the military are concerned.

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c. Unconventional Warfare - The Planners noted the importance of unconventional warfare in "hot war" and are continuing studies and the exchange of experience, techniques and data.

The Advisers made no reports on this matter to the Council but did note the need for coordination of the civil and military aspects of psychological action, anti-subversion, security, and public relations in the cold war and recommended that the Council consider how best to meet this need.

d. Military planning - These documents bring up two military matters which affect matters of CIA concern, the first is that there is an important threat to Pakistan from the north and northwest.

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4. It should be noted that neither the military liaison with the U.S. representative on the CCCS, nor the military liaison with the Agency picked up these points of important concern to us. These documents also refer to others which would be of interest to the Agency and should have been made available to us.

5. We should make more intensive study of the points mentioned in 3 above to make sure that CIA is abreast of military thinking and planning.

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